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In re Application of: Haws, *et al.*
Serial No.: 09/397,481
Filing Date: September 16, 1999
Group Art Unit: 3743
Examiner: Atkinson, C.
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COOLING WITH
 A PHASE CHANGE MATERIAL AND HEAT PIPES

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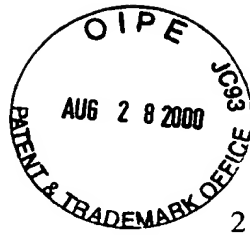
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LETTER RE INCOMPLETE OFFICE ACTION

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the Office Action mailed on August 15, 2000. However, the Office Action is incomplete, for the following reasons.

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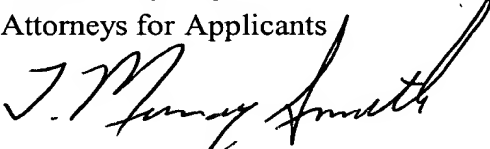
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Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement on February 8, 2000, as evidenced by the enclosed photocopy of an acknowledgment post card bearing the date stamp of the U.S. Patent Office. However, the August 15 Office Action does not acknowledge the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, and does not indicate that the Information Disclosure Statement has been considered on the merits. For example, the Examiner did not initial and return the copy of Form PTO-1449 that accompanied the Information Disclosure Statement. The Information Disclosure Statement complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and was filed well in advanced of issuance of the first Office Action on August 15, 2000. Accordingly, Applicants are entitled to have the Information Disclosure Statement considered on the merits before issuance of a first Office Action on the merits.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the incomplete Office Action which was issued on August 15, 2000, consider on the merits the Information Disclosure Statement which was filed on February 8, 2000, and then issue a new Office Action which takes the Information Disclosure Statement into account.

Respectfully submitted,
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